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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This Response and Election is filed, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.143, in reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed by the Patent & Trademark Office on November 8, 2006.

Claims 23 - 34 are pending in the current application.

The claims were restricted into Group I (claims 23 - 29) and Group II (claims 30 - 34).

Applicant traverses the restriction requirement.

Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute claim Group II including claims 30-34.

The Office Action states that the inventions of claim Group I and claim Group II are unrelated. MPEP § 806.05(c) states that the restriction is proper if reasons exists for insisting

upon the restrictions. MPEP § 806.05(c)(I). In this case, the Office Action classifies claim Group I and Group II in the same class 428. Applicant believes that search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden on the Patent Office. MPEP §803. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

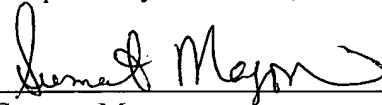
In the event the restriction is maintained, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute claim Group II including claims 30 - 34. Applicant will cancel the non-elected claims in Group I (claims 23 - 29) if the restriction is maintained. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the non-elected claims by filing one or more divisional applications.

In view of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully requests examination of the current application on the merits and submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Prompt examination and allowance are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desired in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,



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